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Subject to the approval of the Examiner, please amend Fig. 2 to include reference character 260 and a corresponding lead line to label internal performance monitor 260 in transmitter TX<sub>N</sub> in optical communication network element 112. The changes are indicated on a copy of Fig. 2 submitted herewith.

Disapproved by DSK  
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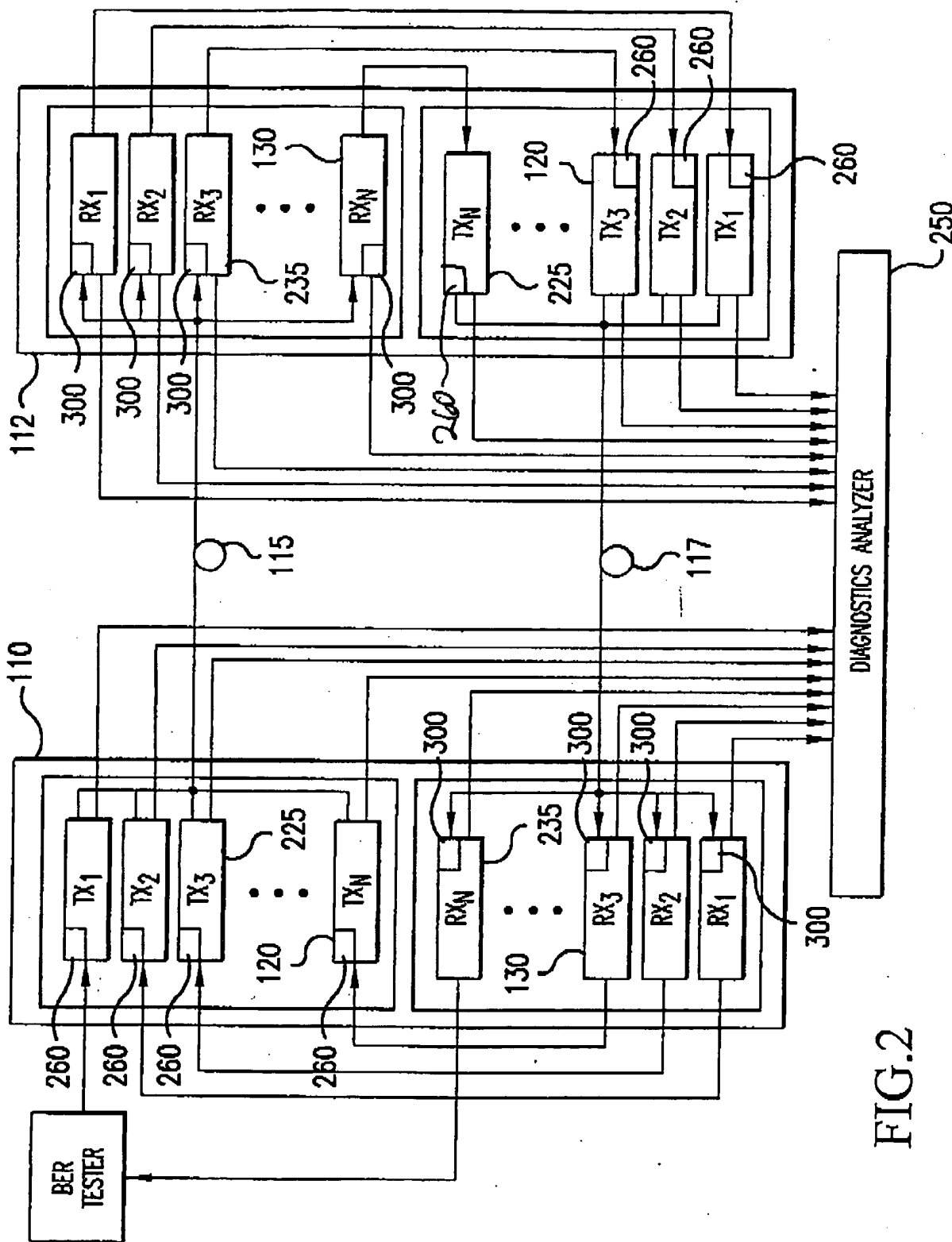


FIG.2